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DE 197 01 033 discloses the drinks machine (3) is installed as a built-in unit in a fitted kitchen and has a service dispensing area (4) mounted separate from a supply area (5). The service dispensing area forms part of a door (7) extending over the entire width in the kitchen cupboard. The supply area can include coffee grinder and water tank. The door has a dispensing area (7.2) enclosed by a three-sided frame (7.1) of which one side has a service panel containing the service element and indicator. The dispensing area has in its lower area a stand (20) for one or more drinking cups etc.

CH 690 224 discloses a domestic machine, particularly a coffee machine (10) can be moved by a device comprising a rib (1) which runs between a sub-surface and the base (11) of the machine. One of the ends of the rib extends over the base of the machine and is formed as a hand grip (5). The other end of the rib is provided with rollers (7). To move the machine, the hand grip of the device is secured and raised so that the coffee machine is lifted and moved on the rollers into an accessible position in which it can be filled with water, coffee beans or powder.

EP 0 783 859 discloses the drinks machine (3) is installed as a built-in unit in a fitted kitchen and has a service dispensing area (4) mounted separate from a supply area (5). The service dispensing area forms part of a door (7) extending over the entire width in the kitchen cupboard. The supply area can include coffee grinder and water tank. The door has a dispensing area (7.2) enclosed by a three-sided frame (7.1) of which one side has a service panel containing the service element and indicator. The dispensing area has in its lower area a stand (20) for one or more drinking cups etc.

EP 0 761 150 discloses the coffee machine has a housing frame (10) contg. at least one extraction device (20) for making coffee, an electronic control unit (40), a water supply (50) and a drawer (45) for the coffee set. It contains several independent modules which can slide into the housing frame and each with a plug part (26,55,...) on the rear. The plug parts engage corresp. plug parts (26',55') in the housing frame when their associated components are inserted into the frame. The plug parts mounted in the housing frame are suitably interconnected by cables.

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